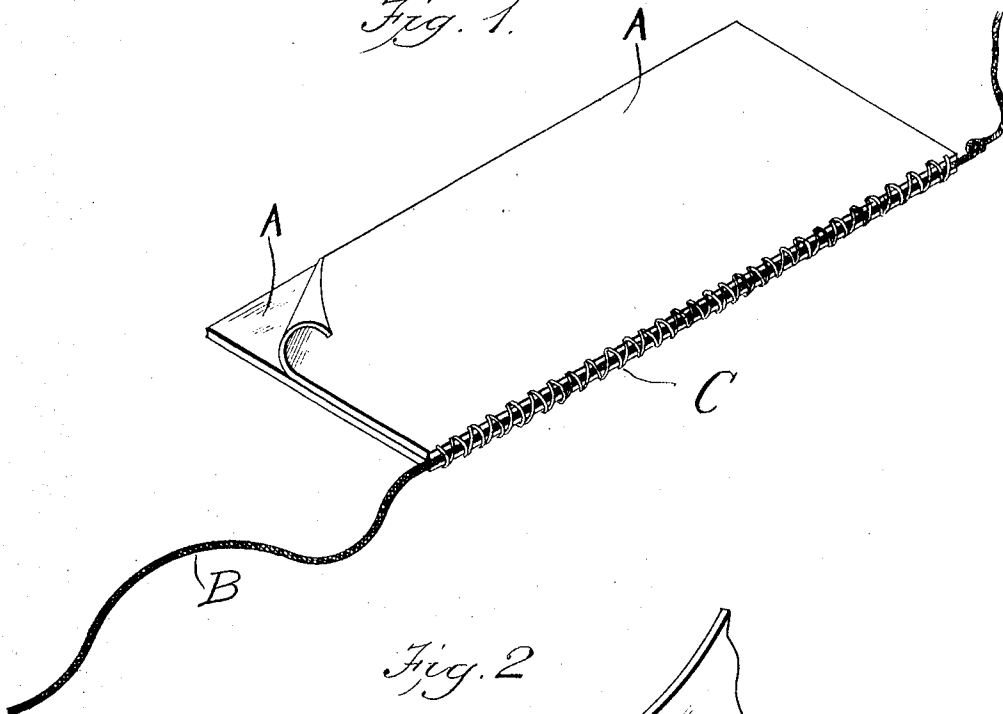


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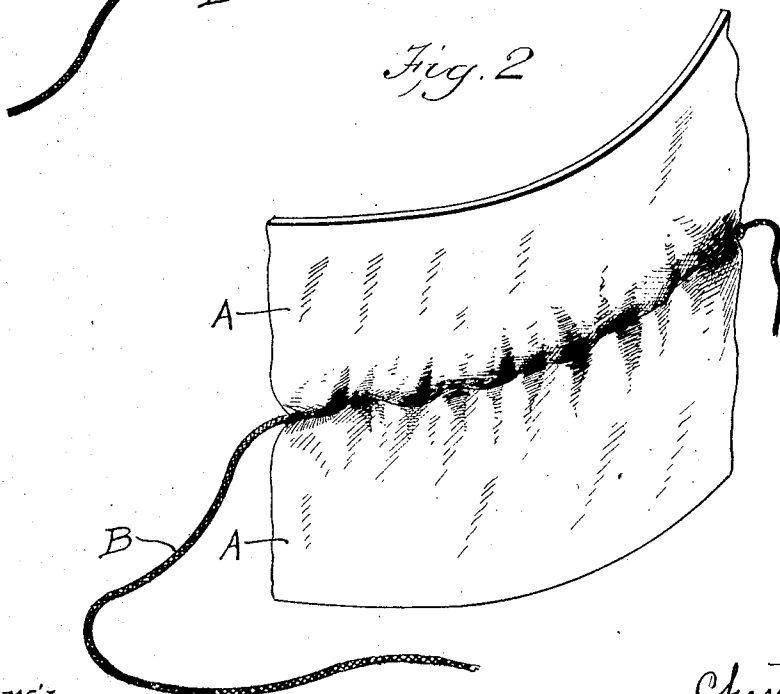
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHESTER McNEIL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook, State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Seams for Sewed Articles, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

This invention relates to improvements in seams for sewed articles, and especially to a seam for uniting edges of material for use in upholstery work, and at the same time, inserting a shirring string or cord, so that the edges of a couch, chair, or similar article, may have the desirable and usual shirred appearance.

The invention, therefore, consists in the matters hereinafter described and referred to in the appended claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of two fabrics with their edges superposed, with the cord adjacent their edges and the overseaming stitches for uniting the fabrics and binding the edges and the cord in place; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view, illustrating the appearance of the same after the goods have been spread out flat and the cord pulled to give a shirred effect.

In these drawings, A, A, represent the two pieces of fabric, and in the present embodiment of the invention, the edges are shown as superposed.

B represents the cord, which is laid along the edges of the two pieces of fabric, and C represents a line of zigzag or other over-edge stitches, one set of loops passing down through the fabrics to unite them, and the other set of loops passing down outside the fabrics, and the cord thus serving to bind the raw edges of the fabric, and to hold the cord in position. The cord is preferably

secured at one or two points by passing a few stitches into said cord or by knotting said cord or securing the same in any other suitable manner so that by pulling upon one or the other end thereof a shirring effect may be given to the fabrics, as illustrated in Fig. 2.

It will be understood that the embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings, is that preferred by me, but it will be obvious that the edges of the fabric might be abutted and united by a row of zigzag stitches, the shirring string being introduced underneath the abutted edges and thus would be sewed fast to the material.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A seam composed of two fabrics whose edges meet, a cord laid along the meeting edges of said fabrics, and a line of overseaming stitches uniting the fabrics, and passing around the cord and binding the same in position against said fabrics, and means for fastening said cord to the seam at a certain point, whereby it will act as a shirring string; substantially as described.

2. A seam composed of two fabrics whose edges are superposed, a cord laid along the edges of said fabrics, and a line of overseaming stitches passing through said fabrics along one side of said cord, and around the free edges of said fabrics and said cord, whereby the edges of the fabric are secured together and a cord is held in position against said fabrics the ends of said cord projecting beyond the ends of said fabric; substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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